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Microchannel Structures

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 1.53b-1 CONTINUATION
APPLICATION**

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced Rule 1.53(b)-1 continuation application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to make the following amendments.

In the Specification:

Please delete the paragraph starting on page 1, line 4, and replace it with the following paragraph:

This application is a Continuation of Application Ser. No. 09/496,601, filed on February 2, 2000, which is a Continuation of Application Ser. No. 08/878,437, now U.S. Patent No. 6,176,962, filed on June 18, 1997, which is a Continuation-in-part of Ser. No. 08/853,661, filed May 9, 1997; and this application is a Continuation-in-part of Ser. No. 08/715,338, filed September 18, 1996; and this application is a Continuation-in-part of Ser. No. 08/690,307, filed